

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
AND RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION**

Sir:

PETITION

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action (Species Election) mailed on May 4, 2007 in the above-captioned application ("the Application"). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including August 6, 2007 (August 4, 2007 having fallen on a Saturday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$450.00 to cover the two-month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.